[English]

Production of Rice

4796. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:
SHRI DHARMABHIKASHAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governemnt have drawn up an action plan to increase rice production in view of declining trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target set under the plan; and

(d) the efforts proposed to be made to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No Sir, there is no declining trend in rice production.

(b) to (d). Question do not arise.

Policy on Pricing of petroleum Products

4797. DR. ASIM BALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Government propose to frame a policy on pricing of Petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of rise in prices of petroleum products in last three years; and

(d) the quanity of Petroleum produced during each of last three years and the average cost thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL; GAS (SHRI B. SHNKARANAND): (a) and (b). Prices of a number of petroleum products are fixed by the Govemment from time to time keeping in view the supplies, growth in demand and other socio-economic factors.

(c) The percentage rise in the Ex-Stroage prices of price administered petroleum products during the three year perriod 1/4/80 to 31/3/91 varies from a minmum of Nil to a maximum of 76.53%.

(d) The production of Petroleum Products during 1988-89, 1989-90 & 1990-91 was 46.425, 49.459 and 49.489 million tonnes respectively. A statement showing the ex-storage point prices of major price admninstered petroleum formula products for the past 3 years is enclosed.